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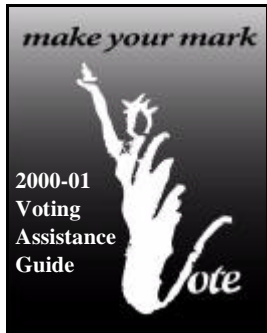
A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) **R** For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.

## Attention All UOCAVA Citizens:

Printing Errors Found...  
Check Your Guide Today!

### ERRATA SHEET

#### 2000-01 VOTING ASSISTANCE GUIDE



The 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide has been printed and distributed widely. Since distribution, several printing errors have been noted by readers. Some of these errors could result in a

citizen's being unable to exercise his or her right to vote. Other errors detract from the quality and readability of this valuable reference document.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) wants to ensure that your copy of the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide is complete, accurate and of high quality. We ask that you review your copy of the Guide today to check for printing errors (listed on page 4). If you find a Guide that contains an error(s), please notify the FVAP by e-mail at [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov) explaining the nature of the error(s) found. We will provide you with a new copy of the Guide and a return mailer for you to send us the Guide with errors (Please include an address and commercial telephone number to ensure that we can send a new Guide to you immediately). In the meantime, please download the proper section from the on-line version of the Guide at the FVAP Website ([www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov)) and substitute it in your hardcopy.

(See Errata Sheet, on page 4)

## NEW OFPCA

### On-Line Version Of The Federal Post Card Application

The screenshot shows the 'REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST - FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA)' form. It includes fields for 'APPLICATION FOR STATE OF', 'COUNTY OF', and 'CITY OR TOWNSHIP OF'. There are sections for '1. APPLICANT INFORMATION', '2. LAST VOTED OR PLACE OF LAST REGISTRATION', '3. VOTING RESIDENCE', '4. MAIL ABSENTEE BALLOT TO:', '5. YOUR FAX NUMBER', '6. POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION', '7. REMARKS', '8. AFFIRMATION BY APPLICANT', and '9. WITNESS/NOTARY ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE'. The form is designed to be filled out online and then printed.

One goal of the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is to take advantage of technology to more effectively and efficiently serve citizens. In keeping with this goal and in support of the 2000 elections, we have been coordinating with the states and territories to provide an On-line version of the Federal Post Card Application (OFPCA). With the use of the internet expanding daily and more and more individuals having access, we believe that the on-line form has the potential to reach more U.S. citizens around the globe (especially those in remote areas and aboard sea-going vessels). The OFPCA is easily accessible at the FVAP Website [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov).

Through cooperative efforts with the states and territories, 37 will accept the OFPCA as an alternative to the cardstock FPCA. The OFPCA is in Adobe Acrobat\* format and can be downloaded and viewed on your personal computer. You may then fill it in on-line, print it out, manually sign and date it, place it in an envelope with proper postage affixed and then mail it to the

appropriate Local Election Official in your state (see WHERE TO SEND IT in your state's section of the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide for addresses).

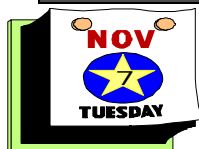
The OFPCA also can be printed out blank and completed on a typewriter or by hand in blue or black ink following the same guidelines as above (completing this form on-line will help eliminate possible delays caused by illegible handwriting). When completing the OFPCA, please refer to the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide.

And don't forget about the electronic transmission of election materials (faxing). If a state allows for this alternative method of transmission of voting materials, then the registration and/or request for ballot process can be completed in a matter of minutes (check the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide for guidelines on electronic transmission of elections materials). After faxing, the original should always be mailed to the Local election Official.

(See OFPCA, on page 3)

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# Remaining 2000 Primary Elections

## OFFICIALS TO BE NOMINATED FOR THE

### GENERAL ELECTION

State	Presidential Primary (or Preference)	State Primary	State Runoff Primary (if necessary)	FEDERAL U.S. Senator	FEDERAL U.S. Representative	STATE Governor
Alabama	June 6	June 6	June 27	No	7	No
Alaska	—	August 22	—	No	1	No
American Samoa	—	—	—	—	1 Delegate	Yes
Arizona	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	6	No
Arkansas	May 23	May 23	June 13	No	4	No
California	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	52	No
Colorado	Completed	August 8	—	No	6	No
Connecticut	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	6	No
Delaware	Completed	September 9	—	Yes	1	Yes
District of Col.	May 2	September 12	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Florida	Completed	September 5	October 3	Yes	23	No
Georgia	Completed	July 18	August 8	No	11	No
Guam	—	September 2	—	—	1 Delegate	No
Hawaii	—	September 23	—	Yes	2	No
Idaho	May 23	May 23	—	No	2	No
Illinois	Completed	Completed	—	No	20	No
Indiana	May 2	May 2	—	Yes	10	Yes
Iowa	—	June 6	—	No	5	No
Kansas	Cancelled	August 1	—	No	4	No
Kentucky	May 23	May 23	—	No	6	No
Louisiana	Completed	October 7	November 7	No	7	No
Maine	Completed	June 13	—	Yes	2	No
Maryland	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	8	No
Massachusetts	Completed	September 19	—	Yes	10	No
Michigan	Completed	August 8	—	Yes	16	No
Minnesota	—	September 12	—	Yes	8	No
Mississippi	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	5	No
Missouri	Completed	August 8	—	Yes	9	Yes
Montana	June 6	June 6	—	Yes	1	Yes
Nebraska	May 9	May 9	—	Yes	3	No
Nevada	—	September 5	—	Yes	2	No
New Hampshire	Completed	September 12	—	No	2	Yes
New Jersey	June 6	June 6	—	Yes	13	No
New Mexico	June 6	June 6	—	Yes	3	No
New York	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	31	No
North Carolina	May 2	May 2	May 30	No	12	Yes
North Dakota	—	June 13	—	Yes	1	Yes
Ohio	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	19	No
Oklahoma	Completed	August 22	September 19	No	6	No
Oregon	May 16	May 16	—	No	5	No
Pennsylvania	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	21	No
Puerto Rico	Completed	November 14	—	—	1 Resident Commissioner	Yes
Rhode Island	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	2	No
South Carolina	—	June 13	June 27	No	6	No
South Dakota	June 6	June 6	June 20	No	1	No
Tennessee	Completed	August 3	—	Yes	9	No
Texas	Completed	Completed	—	Yes	30	No
Utah	Completed	June 27	—	Yes	3	Yes
Vermont	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	1	Yes
Virgin Islands	—	September 9	November 16	—	1 Delegate	No
Virginia	Completed	June 13	—	Yes	11	No
Washington	Completed	September 19	—	Yes	9	Yes
West Virginia	May 9	May 9	—	Yes	3	Yes
Wisconsin	Completed	September 12	—	Yes	9	No
Wyoming	—	August 22	—	Yes	1	No

The General Election is Tuesday, November 7, 2000.

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**Note:** Copying or using VIN articles in other publications, etc. is encouraged.

(OFPCA from page 1) Our website will be updated as more states approve the use of the OFPCA. For this reason we encourage you to visit the site often so you will have the most current information. At present, there are no provisions to allow for submission of the FPCA through the Internet. For further details, please visit the FVAP Website at [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov) or e-mail the FVAP at [vote@fvap.ncr.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.ncr.gov).

\*The OFPCA requires Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded through a link from the FVAP website.



**Please Note:** Unlike the postage-paid cardstock FPCA, users of the OFPCA must affix postage on the envelope before mailing the form. The OFPCA is being provided as a convenience and as a time-saving alternative when you cannot get the postage-paid cardstock FPCA through other means and to ensure that you do not miss the opportunity to register or make timely request for a ballot. You may get the postage-paid cardstock FPCA from a Voting Assistance Officer or directly from the Federal Voting Assistance Program.

**REMEMBER!** If you send the OFPCA to a state that is not listed, the OFPCA will not be processed! According to the Federal Election Commission there are several legitimate reasons why States do not accept photocopies of a voter registration

application. Among these are problems of insufficient paper weight stock and copy quality. Many State laws require that the local election officials keep a hard copy of the voter registration application to provide a trail to establish voter identification through signature verification. In some instances, these documents must be transferred from the election office to the polling places for each election. These offices have found that regular Xerox weight photocopy paper will not provide the file durability that they need for the application document. The varying quality of photocopied images can also present a major problem. This is especially true since a poor quality photocopy can result in an almost unreadable image when the application document and/or signature is electronically scanned. **R**

## States Currently Accepting the OFPCA:

ALABAMA  
ALASKA  
ARIZONA  
ARKANSAS  
CALIFORNIA  
COLORADO  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
FLORIDA  
GEORGIA  
HAWAII  
ILLINOIS  
INDIANA  
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MICHIGAN  
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NORTH DAKOTA  
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FOR UPDATES TO THIS LISTING.  
[WWW.FVAP.NCR.GOV](http://WWW.FVAP.NCR.GOV)

Deployed? Check the website to see if your state accepts the OFPCA.



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All of the above can also be reached through the DoD Voting Information Center and the FVAP Website at [www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov)

**Voting Assistance Officers****"To Do" This Month**

**[ ]** Review the voting assistance training workshop schedule at the FVAP Website ([www.fvap.ncr.gov](http://www.fvap.ncr.gov)) to see if one is being held in or near your area. If so, plan to participate in the workshop. If you would like more information about a workshop or would like to help coordinate an event, please contact the individual listed for that location or Ms. Sherri Morris-Ratcliffe or Mr. John Godley (contact information on page 3) of the FVAP.

**[ ]** Encourage participation in state primary elections. An updated 2000 Primary Election Calendar is provided on page 2 of this newsletter. Post this calendar to ensure that everyone receives election information in a timely manner.

**[ ]** Ensure that people know how to get in touch with you for voting assistance. Provide the installation or Embassy/Consulate telephone operator your name and contact information to refer callers requiring voting assistance.

**[ ]** VAOs should start planning for "Overseas Citizens Voters Week" (June 25 to July 1, 2000) and "Armed Forces Voters Week" (September 3-9, 2000). The objective is to create excitement, awareness and motivation to participate in the General Election. VAOs should organize voting workshops and registration drives.

**[ ]** Take an inventory to ensure you have adequate supplies of absentee voting materials, then distribute forms to all that you assist (don't forget family members). Remember, citizens need to send a new FPCA to their Local Election Office when they have a change to their mailing address! **R**

(Errata Sheet, from page 1) The following are errors already identified in the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide:



Page 229 upside down (Oregon label page).



Pages torn in half (Appendices E and F, pages 329 - 352).



Page in wrong section (New Hampshire page 189 inserted in Nebraska state section. Nebraska page 177 missing).



Pages in Illinois state section missing.



Complete Georgia state section, pages 83-90, omitted.



Delaware label page in Connecticut state section. No Connecticut label page.



South Carolina section repeated 2-3 times, first section missing label page.



Vermont state section repeated twice, first section missing label page.



Virgin Islands duplicated after Washington state section, pages 289-296.



Missouri state section missing pages 163-166.



Missouri state section repeated, first section missing label page.



Oklahoma pages 219-222 reversed, no label page.



Ohio pages 215-218 reversed.



Ohio state section out of order, after Oklahoma.



Oklahoma label page in Ohio state section.



Binding/cutting errors with cover, slogans and pages cut-off causing information to be incomplete.



Numerous pages discolored on the edges and of irregular size. Red discoloring on Illinois state section pages.



Pages fused together because of binding/cutting errors resulting in an unusable Guide.

The Government Printing Office has been notified of these errors and has conducted a random sample of the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guides that are awaiting distribution. Since the vast majority of the Guides have been distributed, we want to ensure that your copy of the Guide is usable. Please notify us immediately of any problems you have encountered with the 2000-01 Voting Assistance Guide and we will notify the Government Printing Office of these errors for discussion with the contractor. **R**

**ATTENTION:**

Please let us know if you change your e-mail address and/or mailing address to ensure your continued receipt of the Voting Information News newsletter and the Voting News Releases. **R**



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